

Miscellaneous Office Letter

The applicant's representative argued within the last amendment which was received on November 7, 2006 that the office action was improper since no interview was provided to the applicant. The examiner disagrees with this assertion because during that time a formal request was not made for the interview. In fact, to this date a formal request has not been received by the examiner. To formally request an interview, an interview agenda should be faxed directly to the examiner at 571-273-3909. Following the submission of the agenda, the examiner can be called directly at 571-272-3909 to schedule the interview. (Please note agendas faxed to the central fax number listed below **are not** forwarded to the examiner.)

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AZIZUL CHOUDHURY whose telephone number is (571)272-3909. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrice Winder can be reached on (571) 272-3935. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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